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DEMONSTRATION

REF: A. NICOSIA 225; B. STATE 23944

1. IN MAKING RESPONSE TO GOC NOTE VERBALE CONCERNING GOC BAN ON MILATT ATTENDANCE AT TMT DEMONSTRATION, EMBASSY SHOULD DRAW UPON FOLLOWING POINTS MADE BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIES IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU'S DEMARCHE.

A. THE USG VERY MUCH REGRETS THE POSITION OF THE GOC THAT THE CARRYING OUT OF NORMAL DUTIES BY OUR MILITARY ATTACHE WOULD CONSTITUTE AN UNFRIENDLY ACT.

B. WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT SUCH ACTIONS ARE IN ANY WAY STEPS TOWARD RECOGNITION. NOR CAN WE AGREE TO THE RIGHT OF THE GOC TO CONTROL OUR CONTACTS WITH THE TURK-

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C. IN VIEW OF THE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU AND OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EXPRESSED INTENT NOT TO LIMIT OUR CONTACTS WITH THE TURK-CYPRIOTS, THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO INSTRUCT OUR MILITARY ATTACHE IN NICOSIA NOT TO ATTEND

THE CEREMONY IN QUESTION.

D. HOWEVER, WE WISH TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE USG IS UNPREPARED TO ACCEPT FURTHER STEPS WHICH WILL HAVE THE AFFECT OF PROGRESSIVELY REDUCING OUR CONTACT WITH THE TURK-CYPRIOTS. MOREOVER, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THE ACTION OF THE GOC IN THIS MATTER WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO A POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE ON CYPRUS.

2. DEPARTMENT DECISION BASED ON FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

A. SALAMI TACTICS WORK BOTH WAYS: ACCEPTANCE OF TURK INVITATION WOULD IN EFFECT CONSTITUTE US ACQUIESENCE IN TURKISH ATTEMPT TO ACQUIRE FURTHER ATTRIBUTES OF SEPARATE STATE. (IN THIS REGARD, DIMITRIOU EXPLICITLY LINKED THE ISSUANCE OF INVITATIONS BY OREK TO RECENT GOT PROTOCOL PRESCRIBING "FEDERAL SOLUTION" FOR CYPRUS AND SAID THAT THE GOC HAD TO RESPOND FIRMLY AND CAREFULLY TO SUCH PROVOCATIVE STEPS.)

B. POSSIBLE TURKISH RESENTMENT OVER USG NON-ATTENDANCE WILL BE MITIGATED OR DISSIPATED BY FACT THAT OTHER MILATTS ALSO NOT ATTENDING.

C. THE POINT WE WOULD MAKE BY ATTENDING EXERCISE WOULD NOT BE WORTH THE PRICE IN TERMS OF GREEK CYPRIOT ILL WILL AND OUR CONSEQUENT LOSS OF INFLUENCE WITH THE GOC.

D. GOC CLAIMS THAT THIS IS A SPECIAL CASE, THAT IT REALIZES THE USG'S NEED TO MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH ALL PARTIES ON CYPRUS, AND THAT IT HAS NO INTENTION

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OF LIMITING US CONTACTS WITH THE TURKISH COMMUNITY.
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